

Vocabulary	Definition	In Context
1. dazed		
2. bittering		
3. quaking		
4. simmering		

Research Topics	Notes
1. <i>Madame Butterfly</i> Sources:	
2. Banks following the Stock Market Crash of 1929 Sources:	

Questions	Responses (Responses should be thorough and complete)
1. What are Ma's ideas for their farm? What does Billie's dad, Bayard, think about them?	
2. What "Great War off in France" did Bayard fight in? Name one of the few things he will talk about concerning the war.	

<p>3. In <i>Apples</i>, Billie Joe uses repetition of the word “and.” What effect does this have on the poem?</p> <p>Describe the picture it paints in your mind or draw it.</p>	
<p>4. On Sunday, after the dust, rain came, but it is “rain that is no blessing.” Why?</p> <p>Answer Billie Joe’s question, “Who fared better?”</p>	
<p>5. On what conditions does Ma let Billie Joe go on the road with Arley?</p>	

Discussion Topics

After reading <i>Give Up on Wheat</i> discuss Ma’s novel ideas and Pa’s obstinacy to them.	
Ma’s Novel Ideas	Pa’s Obstinacy to Them

Discuss the difference in Billie's diary entries when describing hardships compared to her entries describing things that bring happiness like playing piano and Ma's apple tree.	
Hardship Diary Entries	Happiness Diary Entries

STAAR Writing Prompt:

The piano is a good distraction from the dust for Billie. What things do you do to distract yourself from a problem? Use the STAAR paper to write your response. Organize this essay. I will be grading you using the STAAR rubric. (Must be 23-26 lines)

You may use the space below to organize your thoughts.